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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PK, US

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - BHUTTO DINNER INVITATION  
(S/S NO. 7525459))

REF: ISLAMABAD 11891

FOR SECRETARY FROM SOBER

1. PROBLEM. PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND BEGUM BHUTTO HAVE INVITED YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER TO DINNER IN NEW YORK THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 26. BHUTTO WOULD BE STOPPING OVERNIGHT IN NEW YORK, APPARENTLY FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF SEEING YOU, FOLLOWING A STATE VISIT TO CANADA FEBRUARY 23-26.
2. DISCUSSION. YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION WOULD UNDERSCORE OUR CONTINUING DESIRE FOR CLOSE TIES WITH PAKISTAN.

FEBRUARY 26 AND YOUR SCHEDULE AROUND THAT TIME APPEARS  
RELATIVELY UNCLUTTERED.

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3. OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN ARE IN EXCELLENT SHAPE. SOME ORDERS ARE NOW BEING CONSUMMATED UNDER OUR NEW MILITARY SUPPLY POLICY, INCLUDING THE ACCELERATED TOW

PROCUREMENT YOU OFFERED AZIZ AHMED WHEN YOU MET WITH HIM IN NEW YORK DURING THE UNGA. PAKISTAN'S MAJOR PROBLEM REMAINS FINANCES, AND BHUTTO WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO REVIEW WITH YOU HIS EFFORTS TO SECURE FINANCIAL HELP FROM THE SAUDIS AND IRANIANS FOR ARMS PURCHASES. HE MAY ALSO WANT TO PRESS FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION OF AIRCRAFT SALES. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, TENSION IN THE SUBCONTINENT HAS RECEDED AS THE BANGLADESH SITUATION HAS STABILIZED SOMEWHAT, BUT THE PAKISTANIS ARE STILL WORRIED ABOUT WHAT THEY ALLEGE IS AN INDIAN-AFGHAN-SOVIET CONSPIRACY TO DISMEMBER PAKISTAN. BHUTTO WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TOUR D'HORIZON, INCLUDING SOME SENSE OF HOW THE PRESIDENT'S CHINA TRIP WENT.

4. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CABLE TO ISLAMABAD ACCEPTING BHUTTO'S INVITATION TO YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER FOR DINNER ON FEBRUARY 26 IN NEW YORK.

5. SUGGESTED TEXT OF CABLE FOLLOWS.

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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PLEASE TELL PRIME MINISTER AND BEGUM BHUTTO THAT MRS. KISSINGER AND I ACCEPT WITH PLEASURE THEIR INVITATION TO DINE WITH THEM IN NEW YORK THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 26.

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6. APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

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